

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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SHORT REALISATION OF VISA FEES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether short realisation of visa fees has taken place in Europe and CIS countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the amount of money involved in it;
- (c) the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the measures being taken to prevent the same?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

- (a) Yes sir;
- (b) Some Missions have inadvertently not followed a part of the instructions when visa fees were revised in January, 1995. As a result short realisation of visa fees has taken place in a few European and CIS countries. The amount of money involved is about Rs.2.5 crores;
- (c) The short realisation of visa fees has occurred due to oversight or misinterpretation of the instructions. The Missions in Europe and CIS countries where most of these unintentional lapses have occurred were opened rather recently; and
- (d) In order to prevent recurrence of such instances, a circular containing all the latest instructions on charging of fees for issue of visas and related services has been issued to all Indian Missions/Posts abroad. Confirmations have been received from all the Missions and Posts regarding implementation of these instructions.